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*Address delivered by the President, G. B. Airy, Esq. F.R.S.,
Astronomer Royal, on presenting the Gold Medal of the
Society to Mr. Charles Rümker.*

Among the various duties, Gentlemen, which devolve on your President, there are none more agreeable than those which refer to the award of the Annual Medal. The discussions in the Council relating to this subject, if it were possible or proper that the public should become acquainted with them, would, I am confident, be matter of pride and satisfaction to the Society. It would be found that the literature, the mathematics, the instrumental constructions, and the observing labours of astronomy, have all engaged the careful attention of the Society's representatives. While the splendid discoveries which have excited the astonishment of the world have received their appropriate notice, the labours of technical character, little known to the public, but indispensable for the establishment of every interesting point in astronomy, have always successfully claimed the sympathy of the Council. Amid this apparent conflict of demands on the Council's attention, no dispute has arisen. Scarcely ever—I believe never—has it occurred